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1. IN NOVEMBER 16 ISSUE OF LE FIGARO UNDER HEADING "ATLANTIC ALLIANCE: A FRENCH DRAFT ESTABLISHES
FOR EUROPE A NEW ROLE IN WESTERN DEFENSE, "ARTICLE DATED NOVEMBER 15 BY ITS BRUSSELS REPORTER YANN DE L'ECOTAIS DESCRIBES FRENCH ATLANTIC RELATIONS DECLARATION, INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

IN THEIR WEEKLY MEETING YESTERDAY AT BRUSSELS, NATO PERM REPS, AFTER LISTENING TO AMERICAN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE JOSEPH SISCO DESCRIBE THE EVOLUTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, CONTINUED THE PREPARATION OF THE EUROPEAN US DECLARATION ON DEFENSE PROBLEMS, WHICH IT IS HOPED WILL BE ISSUED AT END OF THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING

DECEMBER 10-11. THE ORIGIN OF THIS WORK IS THE PROJECT FOR THE "NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER," LAUNCHED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO BY HENRI KISSINGER. OTHE R TALKS ARE TAKING PLACE NOW IN COPENHAGEN BETWEEN THE NINE AND THE US, SEEKING TO ARRIVE AT ANOTHER TEXT, DEALING WITH ECONOMIC MATTERS.

THE THESIS OF THE EUROPEANS IS THAT THE RELEVANT SUBJECTS RELEVANT TO THE EUROPEAN US RELATIONS SHOULD BE TREATED IN THE APPROPRIATE AREA
AND THAT ECONOMIC, MILITARY, MONETARY AND OTHER THEMES MUST NOT BE INTERMINGLED. THE US CONTINUES TO WANT TO ADDRESS THE SUBJECT GLOBALLY AND TO ESTABLISH TIES AMONG ALL THE PROBLEMS.

FOR THIS REASON AT NATO THE AMERICANS ARE CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO FLESH
OUT WITH ECONOMIC IDEAS A DRAFT DECLARATION TABLED TWO WEEKS FIFTEEN DAYS AGO BY THE FRENCH DELEGATION AND WHICH REMAINS FOR THE TIME BEING THE BASIC DOCUMENT FOR THIS WORK. TODAY WE ARE ABLE TO REVEAL THE TERMS OF THAT DOCUMENT.
THE FRENCH TEXT BEGINS: "THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE RECOGNIZE THAT THE TREATY SIGNED BY THEM 25 YEARS AGO TO PRESERVE THEIR LIBERTY AND THEIR INDEPENDENCE AFTER A CONFLICT WHICH ALMOST CAUSED THEM TO LOSE BOTH, HAS FULLY CARRIED OUT ITS MISSION."
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THE FRENCH DRAFT UNDERLINES THE "GREAT PROGRESS ON THE PATH OF DETENTE AND OF HARMONY BETWEEN NATIONS" ACCOMPLISHED SINCE THEN, PROGRESS THAT IS MADE CONCRETE BY CSCE. "THE MEMBER NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE WELCOME THIS BUT," ADDS
THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE, "ARE OF THE VIEW THAT, SINCE CIRCUMSTANCES WILL NOT PERMIT THE FOUNDING OF GENERAL DISARMAMENT, COMPLETE AND CONTROLLED, WHICH ALONE WOULD BRING TO THEM REAL SECURITY,

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THESE DEVELOPMENTS, FAR FROM BEING INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE OBJECTIVES
OF THE TREATY WHICH UNITES THEM,OBLIGES THEM TO MAINTAIN
AMONG THEMSELVES TIES WHICH FLOW FROM IT."

AT THE SAME TIME IT IS NECESSARY TO STATE THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL IDEAS
OF THE COMMON DEFENSE OF THE ALLIANCE COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN MODIFIED
IN THE COURSE OF THE PAST TEN YEARS. "THE STRATEGIC BALANCE BETWEEN
THE US AND THE USSR, WITH RESULTING MUTUAL VULNERABILITY, ESTABLISHES
IN THEIR RELATIONS A GREAT STABILITY. BUT EUROPE REMAINS VULNERABLE
TO ALL OTHER FORMS OF CONFLICT AND THE PROBLEM OF ITS DEFENSE
TAKES A CHARACTER MORE AND MORE SPECIFIC."

PARIS DEDUCES A GENERAL CONCLUSION AND FROM THAT CONCLUSION FLOW
CONSEQUENCES FOR EUROPE AND FOR THE US.
"THIS NEW SITUATION DOESN'T CHANGE ANYTHING ESSENTIALLY. AT THE
PRESENT TIME THERE IS NO ALGERNATIVE", THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE
REAFFIRM, "TO THE SECURITY ASSURED BY THE NUCLEAR FORCES OF THE
UNITED STATES WHETHER BASED IN THE US OR IN EUROPE."

THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, WHICH PROVIDE THREE QUARTERS OF THE
CONVENTIONAL
MEANS OF DEFENSE OF THE ALLIANCE IN EUROPE AND TWO OF WHICH HAVE
NUCLEAR FORCES WHICH PLAY THEIR OWN DETERRENT ROLE, "UNDERTAKE
TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CONTRIBUTION TO MAINTAIN THE COMMON DEFENSE
AT A LEVEL CAPABLE OF DETERRING ALL UNDERTAKINGS DIRECTED AGAINST
THEIR INDEPENDENCE OR THEIR
INTEGRITY." THE UNITED STATES SHOULD DECLARE THAT IT "WILL NOT
ACCEPT ANY SITUATION WHICH WOULD EXPOSE EUROPE TO AN EXTERNAL POLITICAL

OR MILITARY PRESSURE WHICH MIGHT AFFECT ITS LIBERTY. "THE US
SHOULD REAFFIRM "THAT IT WILL MAINTAIN ITS FORCES IN EUROPE AT
A LEVEL COMPATIBLE WITH THE CREDI-
BILITY OF THE STRATEGY OF DETERRENCE AND THE CAPACITY TO DEFEND
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THE NORTH ATLANTIC AREA IF THE SITUATION REQUIRES IT."

THE MEMBERS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE SHOULD AFFIRM, ACCORDING
TO FRANCE, "THAT THE GOAL OF ALL
DEFENSE POLICY BEING TO PROHIBIT A POSSIBLE ADVERSARY FROM ATTAINING
THE OBJECTIVES WHICH IT WOULD WANT TO OPPOSE, ALL THE FORCES OF
THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE WOULD BE EMPLOYED TO THAT END, IF
NECESSARY."

LIKEWISE, ADDS THE TEXT (AND IT IS HERE THAT WE SEE THE TENUOUS
BUT REAL BEGINNING OF A NEW
ROLE OF EUROPE AS SUCH IN THE
AREA OF DEFENSE), "THE EVOLUTION OF THE EEC TOWARD A UNITED POLICY
SHOULD AT THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECTS ON THE
CONTRIBUTION THAT THE EEC COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE

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ATLANTIC ALLIANCE WILL BRING TO
THE PROBLEM OF DEFENSE."

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